Date: May 15, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 1:39 and 2:29 pm  
Location: Oval Office  

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President' schedule  
- John Cardinal Krol meeting  
  - Length  
  - Time

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 2:25 pm.

- Attendees  
  - Charles W. Colson  
  - John D. Ehrlichman  
- Location  
  - Sequoia  
- Photograph opportunity  
- Time of departure  
  - Mount Vernon  
- Transportation

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:29 pm.

- Blue Room reception  
  - Introductions  
    - Military aide  
    - Clement E. Conger  
    - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon  
- Number of attendees  
- Location of receiving line  
- Remarks in East Room  
- Conger's role  
  - Mrs. Nixon

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 2:29 pm.
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Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

John B. Connally
   -Arrival

Connally entered at 2:29 pm.

Arthur F. Burns
   -A speech
      -Distribution
      -Disagreement with Connally
   -The President’s view
   -Discussion with [First name unknown] Turner

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 2:29 pm.

Refreshment orders

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:32 pm.

Burns
   -A speech
   -Canadian government
      -The President’s view
   -A speech
      -Effect
      -International monetary negotiations
   -Possible rebuttal
      -Paul A. Volcker
   -Pepperdine College speech
      -Domestic monetary situation
   -Discussions with the President
   -Value to administration
   -The President’s view
   -Value to Administration
   -Appointment of Andrew F. Brimmer
      -Alternatives
   -Work of Jeffrey M. Bucher
      -Connally’s view
- Story on speech
  - Comparison to Pepperdine speech
    - Controls
      - Domestic
      - International
  - Relations with the press

Jews
- In press
- In government
  - Plans for second term
  - Frederic V. Malek
    - Background
      - Check by H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Schedule C appointees
    - Percentage of Jews to be allowed
      - The President’s view
      - Haldeman's views
  - Geographical areas
  - Schools to avoid
    - Harvard
    - Yale
    - Princeton
    - Columbia
    - Malek's work
      - The President’s view
  - President's review of Schedule C list
  - Change in philosophy

Effect of Washington environment
- Potter Stewart
  - The President’s view
  - Compared to William O. Douglas
    - "Georgetown set"
  - Mrs. Stewart
- Effect on others
  - Texans
  - Californians
  - Embassy officials
- Similarities

Connally's schedule
- Montreal
-Cancellation
-Reasons
-Latin America trip
-Timing
-Vietnam
-Resignation
-Montreal banking meeting
-Number and nationalities attending
-Attendees
-Volcker
-Burns
-James Dewey Daane
-Herbert Stein
-Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
-Peter M. Flanigan
-Council of International Economic Policy [CIEP]
-Desire to make news

Business Council
-The President’s view
-Donald McI. Kendall
-President's actions in behalf of business
-Stance on Vietnam
-Compared with George Meany
-The President’s view
-The President’s and Connally’s view
-Administration representatives at meeting
-Secretary of Commerce
-William P. Rogers
-Administration actions in behalf of business
-Alternatives
-Hubert H. Humphrey
-George S. McGovern
-Edward M. Kennedy
-Meetings with the President and government officials
-The President’s view
-Compared with Elmer H. Bobst
-Compared with Robert H. Abplanalp
-Compared with John W. Mulcahy
-1968 campaign contributions
-Amount
-Compared with Mulcahy
-Cyrus R. Smith
-Attitude toward Business Council
-The President’s view
-Stance on Vietnam policy
-Greg Borchers [?]
-Kendall
-The President’s view
-Wife
-The President’s view
-Mail survey on the blockade decision
-Amount of response
-Use
-Business Council responses
-Rusty Young
-Expected results
-Reasons
-Kendall
-Advice on Soviet trade policy
-Trade policy
-President's knowledge compared with Business Council
-Peter G. Peterson
-Flanigan
-Soviet trade
-Export-Import [Ex-Im] Bank credits
-Grain crop
-Most Favored Nation [MFN] status
-Statistics
-Peterson
-US return
-Soviet return
-Computers
-Grain
-US return
-Kendall's interest
-PepsiCola
-Meetings with the President
-Texas Eastern
-Oil and gas interests
-George Kirby
-Reports on meetings with Alexei N Kosygin
-Need for deal

Soviet Summit
-Cancellation
- Connally's prediction
- Timing
- Likelihood
- Communications on preparations
  - Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
    - Gifts
      - Hydrofoil
      - Cars
- Cancellation
  - Predictions
  - Likelihood

Previous speech on the blockade
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] response
  - Soviet response

Vietnam
  - Recent victories
    - Effect on morale
      - US
      - South Vietnam
      - Firebase Bastogne
  - Sorties
    - Number since blockade decision
    - Effect
    - Targets
      - Red River Bridge
      - Oil dumps
    - Expectations of success
      - 1968 Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] comparison
        - Cambodian support
          - Sihanoukville
        - Ports
        - Mechanization
          - Oil
          - Rolling Stock
          - Railroads
  - Effect on railroads
  - Weaponry
  - North Vietnam-Soviet Union relations
  - US military actions
    - Risk
    - Effects
      - Settlement
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- Timing
  - Destruction of North Vietnamese assets

Soviet Union:
  - Role in Vietnam settlement
    - Timing
    - Credit
  - Communications
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev
    - Summit

Vietnam:
  - US military actions
  - State Department
    - Story on mines
      - Repudiation
    - Kissinger meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Public opinion
    - Polls
      - Louis P. Harris
      - Percentage
    - Pennsylvania
      - John Getz's report
  - President's decision
    - The President’s view
    - Alternatives
      - Fall of Hue
      - Da Nang evacuation
      - Summit cancellation
    - The President’s view
  - Demonstration
    - Effect
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
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[Duration: 58s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Vietnam
- President's previous speech on the blockade
  - Senate Democratic Caucus vote
    - Necessity
    - Connally’s view

President's schedule
- Meeting with George P. Shultz
  - Time
  - Meeting with Connally

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Refreshment order

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:32 pm.

Shultz
- Appointment as Secretary of Treasury
  - Connally's appointment
    - Date
  - Connally's tenure
    - Length
    - Qualifications
    - Discussions
    - Nomination process
    - Acting Secretary status
      - Connally's discussions with Haldeman
    - Confirmation
      - Connally's status
      - Likelihood
      - Transition period
        - Volcker
-Charls E. Walker

-Business community
-Effect
-Opinion of Shultz
-Burns

-Timing of appointment
-President's return from Moscow
-Connally's schedule
-Idanell Brill (“Nellie”) Connally
-Travel

-New positions at Treasury
-Shultz's decision

-Advantages to the President
-Caspar W. Weinberger
-Cabinet
-Budget

-Transition

-Support
-William F. (“Billy”) Graham

-Connally’s view

-Forthcoming announcement of appointment

-Calls
-Clark MacGregor

-Cabinet meeting
-Time
-Attendees
-President's comments
-Connally's comments

-Press briefing
-The President, Connally, Shultz, Weinberger

-President's remarks
-Connally's role in transition
-Shultz's qualifications
-Weinberger's appointment
-Office of Management and Budget [OMB]

-Ronald L. Ziegler [?]

-Connally's remarks
-Reasons for resignation
-Review of accomplishments
-Future plans
-Smithsonian Agreement
-Control programs
-Support for the President
-National Security Council [NSC] membership
-Expected questions
-Future plans
-Endorsement of Democrats
-Support for the President
-Nellie Connally

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 31s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Nelson A. Rockefeller
-Veto on busing moratorium
-The President’s view
-Vetoes
-Anti-abortion bill
-Forest Hills integrated housing

President's opinions
-Integrated housing
-Busing
-Abortion
-Religious considerations
-Graham
-Terence Cardinal Cooke
-Personal consideration

Connally
-Availability
-Parallel to end of term as governor
-Mark Connally
-Move to Houston
-Connally's work
-Richardson and Bass law firm
-Sid Richardson
-Length of service
-Nellie and John Connally's plans
-Trip to South America
  -Brazil
  -Purpose
-Trip to Europe
-Trip to South America
  -Robert H. Finch
-Trip to Africa
-Trip to South America
  -Discussion with Kissinger
    -Timing
  -Soviet Summit
  -Shultz's confirmation
    -Russell B. Long and Senate Finance Committee
-Purpose
-Brazil
-Argentina
-Value
-Possible trip to Africa
-South Africa
  -The President’s view
-Trip to Arab countries
  -Jewish influence in US
  -Oman
  -Saudi Arabia
  -Algeria
  -Iran
  -Morocco
  -North African countries
  -Value
-Need for trip
-Brazil
  -Emilio Garrastazu Medici
-Timing
-Value of Connally visit
  -Celebrity status in other nations
  -Continuity of relationship with the President
-Trip to Iron Curtain countries
  -President's trips to Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, and Hungary
-Connally's trip
  -President's preference
    -Latin America
President's visit to Mexico
- Itinerary
  - Colombia
  - Brazil
  - Argentina
    - Connally's view
- Appointment to President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB]
  - Reasons

Restructuring of intelligence bureaucracy
  - Richard M. Helms
    - The President's view
  - Replacement
    - Removal of Georgetown influence
    - Adm. George W. Anderson
- PFIAB
  - Retention
- Disarmament Board
  - President's plans
  - The President's view
- Improvements
  - Accuracy of intelligence on Soviets
- Connally's role
  - Announcement
    - Timing
  - Purposes
    - Visits to Washington, DC
    - Information
  - Need
    - Defense of US
    - Foreign policy
    - Economic intelligence
      - Discussion with Anderson
- Appointment to PFIAB

Connally
- Resignation
  - Announcement
    - Cabinet meeting
  - Press briefing
    - Ziegler
      - Press speculation
  - Return to Texas
Connally
  - Schedule
    - Attendance at Blue Room reception
      - Nellie Connally
    - Location
    - Shultz meeting
    - Meeting with Kissinger
    - Location of Shultz meeting

Connally left at 3:32 pm.

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Time: 3:32pm - 4:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz.

Greetings

Shultz's health

Shultz's trip to South
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman's report
- States visited
  - North Carolina
  - Mississippi
  - Louisiana
- Meeting with bi-racial committees
  - Support for President's Vietnam policy

President's discussion with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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Refreshment order

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:54 pm.

Vietnam
- Support for the President
  - Washington-based ambassadors
    - Swiss ambassador's [Felix Schnyder] report
- Polls
  - Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]
  - Louis P. Harris poll
    - Percentages
- Success
- Previous Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] report
  - Contrast with current situation
    - Cambodian supply lines
      - Sihanoukville
    - Sea lanes
    - Railroad Bridges
      - Surgical bombing
    - Oil reliance
      - Contrast with guerrilla warfare
- Support for the President's actions
- President's peace offer
  - Lifting blockade
  - Releasing prisoners of war [POWs]
- Ceasefire
- Alternative
  - US withdrawal
    - Consequences

Shultz's nomination as Secretary of Treasury
- Surprise nature
  - Reasons
- John B. Connally
  - Agreement with President on tenure
    - Extension
  - Resignation
    - Announcement
    - Day
    - Future plans
    - National Security Council [NSC]
  - Announcement
  - Qualifications
- Caspar W. Weinberger
  - Nomination as Director of Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
  - Alternatives
  - Value to Administration
    - Work with Arthur F. Burns
    - Work with OMB
    - Ease of confirmation
  - Surprise nature
  - Qualifications
- Changes at Treasury Department
  - Number of positions
  - President's and Connally's choice
  - Announcement
    - Haldeman meeting with Burns
    - Cabinet meeting
    - Time
    - Press briefing
      - Connally's role
      - Weinberger's and Shultz's role
  - President's advice
    - Choice of lieutenants
    - Difficulty of position
- Shultz's reply
  - Connally's resignation
    - Reasons
    - Political
    - Private
    - Idanell Brill (“Nellie”) Connally
  - Budget preparation
    - Weinberger's role
    - Advice from Shultz
- Qualifications and philosophy
  - Connally's concurrence
  - International markets
- Tax reform
- Budget
  - Work with Weinberger, Herbert Stein
- Work with Burns
  - Difficulty
  - Press and congressional opinions
- Acceptance
  - Honor
  - Responsibility
- Work with Cost of Living Council [COLC]
- Coast Guard
  - John A. Volpe
- Work on Vietnam

Shultz's topics for meeting with the President
  - Discussion postponed

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:32 pm.

Connally
  - Meeting with the President and Shultz

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:54 pm.

Budget
  - President's position
    - Haldeman's report
  - Publicity
    - Campaign issue
  - Stringency
    - Connally's work
    - House Resolution [HR] 1
    - Revenue sharing
    - Agricultural programs
      - Cotton program
  - Director
    - Weinberger
      - Shultz's view
      - Replacement possibilities
        - Frank C. Carlucci
Connally entered at 3:54 pm.

Greeting

Connally
- Resignation
- Shultz as successor
- Work with Shultz

Shultz
- Qualifications
- Background
- Work with Weinberger
- Work with Burns
- Milton Friedman
- Appointments
- Connally's advice
  - Richard V. Adams
  - John S. Nolan
  - Jack F. Bennett
  - Frederic W. Hickman
- Connally’s view
- Paul A. Volcker
  - Connally’s view
  - Possible replacement
    - Bennett
- Adams
- James W. Donley

- Staff meeting
-Time
-Connally's and Shultz's appearance
-Transition
-Confirmation
-Acting Secretary status
-Transition
  -Duration
  -Date
-Meetings
  -OMB staff
  -Connally
  -OMB staff
    -Weinberger's attendance
-Sequence
  -Press briefing
  -Walk to Treasury Department
-Treasury Department staff
  -Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
  -Customs
  -Available positions
  -Gordon Gooch
    -Current position
      -Federal Power Commission
  -Background
  -Connally’s view
  -Background
  -Connally’s view
  -Desire to leave Federal Power Commission
  -Connally’s view

Connally
  -Future
    -President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB]

Shultz
  -Position to take
    -International monetary affairs
    -Trade
    -Convertibility

Burns
  -Position as Governor of International Monetary Fund [IMF]
    -Nathaniel Samuels
- Resignation as alternate
- Agreement with Burns and Edward M. Kennedy
  - Burns as alternate governor
  - Authority under Nixon
- The President’s view

Connally gift
  - Sculpture
    - 1939 World's Fair
    - Cyrus R. Smith

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President's schedule
  - Forthcoming meeting with Weinberger

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:06 pm.

Schedules
  - Shultz
  - Connally
  - Press briefing

Connally left at 4:06 pm.

  - Shultz and Weinberger
    - Meeting with the President
      - Time
    - President
      - Donald McI. Kendall meeting

Shultz left at 4:06 pm.

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Time: 4:06-4:54 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Donald McI. Kendall and Peter M. Flanigan.
Greetings

Trip to Soviet Union
  - Flanigan’s attendance

Soviet Union
  - Vodka Agreement
  - Pepsi Agreement
  - Trade
    - Pepsi for Vodka
    - Alexei N. Kosygin
    - Vodka sales in US
  - Most Favored Nation [MFN] status
  - Effect on price
  - Summit
    - President's departure
    - Itinerary
      - Austria
      - Moscow
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev
    - Kosygin
      - Presence at talks
      - Economic expertise
        - Compared to Brezhnev
  - Leadership
    - Nature
    - Kosygin
    - Brezhnev
    - Nikolai V. Podgorny
  - Trade
    - Nikolai S. Patolichev
      - Meeting with the President
      - Kendall's meeting with Patolichev and Yuri [?] Ivanov
      - Identified
      - Kendall’s view
      - Other meetings
  - Vladimir Alkhimov
    - Identified
  - Alexei Manzhulo
    - Identified
  - An unknown person
  - Kendall's advice
- Previous efforts
- Importance of personal relationships
  - Continuity
  - Specialization
- President's previous speech on the blockade
- Support for the President's position
  - Business
  - Labor
    - Frank E. Fitzsimmons
    - George Meany
    - Leonard Woodcock
- Business
  - Telegrams
  - Influences
    - New York Times
    - Washington Post
  - Chet Huntley
  - David Brinkley
  - Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
- The President’s view
- Rusty Young

- Trade
  - Brezhnev
  - Soviet economic, political, and social objectives
  - US position
  - Soviet as bargainers

Vietnam
- William P. Rogers
  - Speaking ability
    - Business Council speech
      - Kendall’s assessment
      - Content
      - Paul Ostend [?]
    - Assessment
    - Feedback

Soviet Union
- 1959 compared with 1972
  - Differences
    - Consumer goods
    - Marketing opportunities for Pepsico
      - Eastern Europe compared with Western Europe
-Romania
-Yugoslavia
-Czechoslovakia
-Hungary
-Poland
-Agreement to market bicycles
-Montgomery Ward

-President's trip
-Stop in Poland

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:06 pm.

Refreshment order

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:48 pm.

Pepsi-Cola

Soviet Union
-Trade
-Pepsico
-Soviet assessment
-Technology
-Japanese
-German
-US
-Soviet attitude
-Patolichev
-Alkhimov
-Manzhulo

-Other countries' experiences
-French
-German
-Japanese

-Commercial transactions
-Kendall’s view
-Credit

-Negotiations
-Kendall’s view
-International Brotherhood of Teamsters
-Kendall’s experience
-Brezhnev
-Eisaku Sato
- Ivanov
  - Identified
  - David Rockefeller
  - Ivanov’s view
- Relations with US
  - Alkhimov's comments
  - Change
- Philosophy of spreading communism
  - Chile
  - Cuba
  - Political persuasion
  - Alkhimov
- Summit
  - Preparations
- Military
  - Alkhimov's comments
  - Influenced by US expenditure
  - Supply of North Vietnam
    - Competition with People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Mikhail Suslov
- Economic interests
  - Growing power
- Summit
  - Effect on the President's Vietnam actions
  - Follow-up negotiating team
    - Business issues
      - Grain
      - Lend-Lease
      - Kama River
- Composition
  - White House
  - State Department
  - Commerce Department
  - Agriculture Department
- Rotating chairmanship
- Continuity
- Problems
  - Bureaucracy
    - Williston Scott's level
  - Department Secretary level
    - Stature
    - Peter G. Peterson
    - Rogers
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Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:06 pm.

President's schedule
  -George P. Shultz
  -Caspar W. Weinberger

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:46 pm.

Soviet Union
  -Trade
  -Summit
    -Follow-up negotiating team
    -Jewish team members
      -Henry A. Kissinger
      -Soviet attitude
    -Soviet attitude
    -Nathaniel Samuels
    -Limitation of numbers
      -Kissinger
      -Soviet attitude
  -Ambassador from US
    -Change
      -Jacob D. Beam
      -New post
      -Health
  -Agriculture
    -Credits on consumables
      -Refusal
      -Flanigan
    -Credits on capital goods
      -Acceptance
      -Reason
    -Grain
      -Length of commitment
  -Commercial credit
    -Level
-Fixed
-Export-Import [Ex-Im] Bank
-Establishment
-International Monetary Fund [IMF]
-Advice from Kendall
   -Amount
-MFN status
   -Necessity
-Trade with US
   -Importance
      -Political impact
         -Kendall's opinion
         -President's and Kissinger's opinion
-Role of new Ambassador
-Maurice H. Stans
-Trip to Soviet Union
   -Communications
      -The President
      -Peterson
      -Flanigan
      -Butz
      -The President
      -Peterson
         -Criticism
-A party
-Peterson

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

George C. Wallace
   -Assassination attempt
   -Condition
-Attacker(s)

Support for the President
- Businessmen
  - Kendall
  - Flanigan
  - William S. Renchard
  - Stans
    - Service as Secretary of Commerce
      - The President’s view
  - Complaints of elite
    - Exceptions
      - Young
      - Frederick Weyerhauser
      - Kendall

- Labor leaders
  - Fitzsimmons
  - Meany
    - The President’s view
    - Election support

- Businessmen
  - Compared with labor leaders
    - The President’s view
  - Need to build new establishment
    - Difficulty
      - James M. Roche
        - Assessment of hippie culture
        - Replacement of General Motors [GM]
          - Richard Gerstenberg
      - The President’s view
    - Harvard Business School

- Problems
  - Chairman for San Francisco
    - Number called
  - Chairman for Los Angeles
    - Forest Shumway
      - The President’s view

- Future
  - Liberal-labor hegemony
    - Need for businessmen to unite
      - Kendall as exception

- Business Council
  - Membership
- The President’s view
- Fair-weather support
- Number of supporters of the President
- Robert H. Abplanalp
  - Attitude of other businessmen
  - Amount of holdings
  - Source of fortune
  - Attitude toward businessmen
- Kendall
  - Background
- Businessmen
  - Prospects of support for the President
  - Roche
  - Business Council
    - President’s appearances when Vice President
    - Follow-up
    - President’s expectations for future

US establishment
- Businessmen
- Press
  - Time
  - Newsweek
  - Life
  - Three major television networks
  - Ownership
    - Jewish
  - Philosophy
    - Left-leaning
    - Los Angeles Times
- Education leaders
  - Ivy League professors and presidents
    - Position on Vietnam
  - Larger colleges
- Social class
  - The President’s view
    - Exceptions
    - Kendall
    - Flanigan
  - The President’s view
- President’s treatment of establishment
  - Kendall’s attitude
  - Business Council
-Flanigan's suggestions
-President's attitude

-Problems
  -Texas chairman for the President
    -William P. Clements, Jr.
    -Kendall’s view
    -John B. Connally
    -Desire for David Packard's job
  -Connally

-Lawyers
  -Compared to businessmen
  -The President’s view

-Business leaders
  -Kendall's efforts
    -President's appreciation
    -The President’s view
  -Abplanalp
  -President's invitations

Pepsi

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 4:46 pm.

-PRC
  -Women in PRC and Hong Kong
    -The President’s view
  -Soviet market

Soviet Union
  -Trade with US
    -Centralization of US decision making
      -Role of lesser figures

President's schedule
  -Golf with Joe Wolf

Kendall and Flanigan left at 4:48 pm.

Soviet Union
  -Kissinger's meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

Wallace
  -Shooting
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-Assailant
  -Suspected George S. McGovern supporter
-Violence

Soviet Union
  -Captured Soviet spy
    -Appeals
    -Deportation
      -Richard G. Kleindienst position
      -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] and Justice Department
      -Kissinger's recommendation
        -Exchange
    -[Forename unknown] Malekov [?] release
      -Conditions
  -Trade
    -Kendall's meeting with Nikolai S. Patolichev
      -Effect of meeting with the President
        -Kendall’s view
  -US policy
    -Kendall knowledge
    -Flanigan
      -Knowledge
      -Kissinger’s view
      -Haldeman's recommendations
      -The President’s view
  -Decision making
    -High level
    -President's meeting with Brezhnev
  -Responsibility for Flanigan
  -Agriculture credits
    -Butz
    -Flanigan
    -Peterson
    -Duration
      -Kendall's recommendation
      -Kissinger's recommendation
  -Benefits
    -Lower level bureaucrats
    -High level officials
  -Negotiating team
    -Kendall's recommendation
    -Kendall's impressions
      -Peterson
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-Butz
-Flanigan
-Samuels
-[Forename unknown] Dean
-Peterson
-Kissinger’s view
-Decision on credits and MFN status
-Timing
-Reasons
-Fragility
-Soviet spy
-Importance
-The President’s view

Vietnam
-Military action
-Bastogne-Birmingham Road
-Reoccupation
-Previous reporting
-Current headline
-Washington Star

Kissinger's schedule
-East Room reception

Kissinger left at 4:54 pm.

Conversation No. 724-5

Date: May 15, 1972
Time: 4:54 pm - 5:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz and Caspar W. Weinberger.

Greetings
-Weinberger

George C. Wallace
-Shooting
John B. Connally
- Appointment as Secretary of Treasury
  - Duration
  - Reasons
  - Extension
  - Reasons

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 4:56 pm.

Wallace
- Shooting
  - Location
  - Condition
  - Other victims
    - Alabama state trooper
    - Dora Thompson
  - Weapon
  - Assailant
    - Race
    - Age
    - Apprehension
      - Secret Service
  - Other victims
    - Secret Service agent
  - Assailant
    - Motive
    - Background
    - Attire
    - Condition
    - Effect on President's schedule
      - Blue Room reception
      - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon's knowledge
  - Services offered by the President
  - White House press release
    - Preparation

Haldeman left at 4:57 pm.

Connally
- Resignation
  - Announcement
    - Political implications
Shultz
- Nomination as Secretary of Treasury

Weinberger
- Nomination for director of Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
- Work with Shultz
- Meeting with the President
  - Time
    - Delay
  - Work with Shultz
    - "Troika" and "Quadriad"
- Characteristics desired

Connally
- Resignation
  - Loss
  - Reasons
    - Political work

Weinberger
- Acceptance
- Difficulty of work
- Pay
- Perquisites
- The President’s view
  - Compared to Chiang Kai-shek

Budget
- Connally's appearance at hearings
  - Philosophy
    - Stringency
    - Taxes
  - Effect on OMB
- Vetoes
- Fiscal policy
  - Business Council
    - Herbert Stein's presentation
      - Reception
    - The President’s view
    - Donald McI. Kendall
      - The President’s view
  - The President’s view
Compared to Ivy League college presidents

New appointees
- Weinberger
- Intentions
- Shultz
  - President's and Connally's decision
- Weinberger
  - President's and Connally's decision
- Decision
  - Time made
  - Secrecy
    - John D. Ehrlichman
    - Haldeman
  - Unanimous choice

President's anecdote
- Leonid I. Brezhnev meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
  - Opinion of elite

Goodbyes

Shultz and Weinberger left at 5:05 pm.
Date: May 15, 1972
Time: 5:06-5:14 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

George C. Wallace
-Condition
  -Possibility of paralysis
  -Offer of services by the President
    -Dr. William M. Lukash
    -Facilities
  -Assailant
  -Race
  -Sex
  -Identity
-Other victims
  -Alabama state policeman
-Secret Service protection
-Shooting
-Other victims
  -Dora Thompson
    -Wallace staffer
  -State policeman
  -Secret Service agent
-Assailant
  -Apprehension

Butterfield left and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 5:06 pm.

President's schedule
-Blue Room reception
  -Press coverage
  -Possible public reaction
    -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
    -President's appearance
    -Mrs. Nixon's schedule

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:06 and 5:10 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-6A]
[See Conversation No. 24-82]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's schedule
-Blue Room reception
-Actions

The President talked with Mrs. Nixon between 5:10 and 5:13 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-6B]

[See Conversation No. 24-83]

The President conferred with Haldeman during the telephone conversation.

Blue Room reception
-Press coverage

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's schedule
-Meeting with John B. Connally and John N. Mitchell

Haldeman left at 5:14 pm.

Date: May 15, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:14 and 5:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-Meeting with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
Bull left at an unknown time before 5:16 pm.

Date: May 15, 1972
Time: 5:16-6:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

President's schedule
- Cancellation of meeting with John N. Mitchell
- Meeting with John B. Connally
- Blue Room reception
  - Press coverage
  - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon's presence
- President's presence
  - Disadvantages
- Mrs. Nixon's presence
- Press coverage
- President's presence

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:16 and 5:21 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8A]

[See Conversation No. 24-84]

[End of telephone conversation]

George C. Wallace
- Shooting
  - News story
    - Cornelia Wallace

President's schedule
- Blue Room reception
  - Effect of Wallace shooting
- Connally announcement
  - Possible postponement
    - Pros and cons
Wallace
- Shooting
  - Press coverage
  - Effect on Vietnam coverage
  - Bulletproofing
  - Events
  - Location
    - Laurel, Maryland
    - Bowie [Maryland] racetrack
  - Secret Service protection
    - Possible complaints
    - Edward M. Kennedy
    - Connally's decision

Connally
- Tenure
  - George P. Shultz confirmation
- Future plans
  - President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB]
  - Latin America trip
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Brazil
  - Support for the President
    - Announcement
    - Timing
    - Democratic candidates
    - Hubert H. Humphrey

The President talked with Mrs. Nixon between 5:21 pm and 5:23 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8B]

[See Conversation No. 24-85]

The President conferred with Haldeman during the telephone conversation.

Connally's arrival

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]
President's schedule
   - Blue Room reception
   - President's presence
     - Mrs. Nixon's advice
   - Connally's views

Connally entered at 5:24 pm.

Greetings

Secret Service protection
   - Edward M. Kennedy
     - Connally's decision
   - Announcement
     - Ronald L. Ziegler
   - Reasons
   - Connally's opinion
   - Eugene T. Rossides

Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:24 and 5:30 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8C]

[See Conversation No. 24-86]

[End of telephone conversation]

Secret Service protection
   - Edward Kennedy
     - Reasons

Wallace
   - Condition
     - Press reports

Connally
   - Wounding in John F. Kennedy assassination
     - Condition
     - Location
       - Connally
       - Idanell Brill ("Nellie") Connally
     - Jacqueline (Bouvier) Kennedy
   - Nellie Connally's view
The White House operator talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 5:24 and 5:30 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8D]

[See Conversation No. 24-87]

Connally talked with Rossides at an unknown time between 5:24 and 5:30 pm.

[The following portion of the office conversation took place simultaneously with Conversation No. 724-8D]

President's schedule
-Blue Room reception
-President's presence

Connally conferred with the President and Haldeman during the telephone conversation.

Secret Service protection
-Shirley Chisholm request
-Duration
-Edward Kennedy
-Priority
-Candidates
-Wilbur D. Mills
-John N. Ashbrook
-Chisholm
-Edward Kennedy
-Request

[End of conferral]

[The following portion of the office conversation took place simultaneously with Conversation No. 724-8D]

President's schedule
-Blue Room reception
-President's presence
[End of telephone conversation]

Secret Service protection
- President's anticipation
- President's decision
- Duration
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Reduced coverage
- President's coverage while Vice President
  - Caracas, Venezuela incident
  - Wallace's coverage

President's schedule
- Blue Room reception
  - Connally's advice

Ziegler entered at 5:30 pm.

Secret Service protection
- Announcement
  - Ziegler
  - Connally
  - Edward Kennedy
  - Chisholm
- Offer to others
  - Reduced coverage
- Kennedy
  - Debate
- Chisholm
  - Request
- Announcement
  - Ziegler
  - Connally
  - Ziegler
    - Wording
      - Edward Kennedy
      - Chisholm
      - Mills
- Analogy to Robert F. Kennedy shooting
- Presidential order
  - Edward Kennedy
  - Chisholm
- Possible questions
-Possible answers
-Need
  -Edward Kennedy
  -John W. Gardner
  -Edward Kennedy
  -Wallace
-Notification of Edward Kennedy's office
  -Rossides
  -James J. Rowley
-Advisory committee
  -Members
    -Hugh Scott
    -Michael J. Mansfield
    -Thomas Kuchel
    -Carl B. Albert
    -Gerald R. Ford
-Criteria
  -Edward Kennedy's inclusion
-Legal opinion
  -Judge Allin Hugh Pierce’s view
  -Copies to Mansfield and other committee members
- Presidential decision
  -Legal basis
  -Precedents
    -John Foster Dulles
    -Lyndon B. Johnson
  -Edward Kennedy
-Notification of Edward Kennedy
  -Call from Connally
-Notification of unknown person [Chisholm?]
  -Call from Rowley

Haldeman talked with White House operator at an unknown time between 5:30 and 5:38 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8E]

[See Conversation No. 24-88]

[End of telephone conversation]

-Senate action
  -Mansfield
The White House operator talked with Haldeman at 5:38 pm.

The President talked with Cornelia Wallace between 5:38 and 5:41 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8F]

[See Conversation No. 24-89]

[The following portion of the office conversation took place simultaneously with Conversation No. 724-8F]

President's statement

Mrs. Nixon

Wallace shooting

[End of telephone conversation]

Wallace
  - Shooting
    - Call from Cornelia Wallace
    - Effect on forthcoming election
    - Condition
    - Effect on Maryland primary
    - Effect on Michigan primary

President's schedule
  - Blue Room reception
    - President's attendance
    - Mrs. Nixon's attendance
    - Clement E. Conger's role
    - Effect of Wallace's condition
    - Conversation with guests
    - President's remarks
    - Press coverage
The White House operator talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 5:41 and 5:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8G]

[See Conversation No. 24-90]

[End of telephone conversation]

Edward Kennedy
-Location
  -Georgetown
-Delay in protection
-Connally’s view
-Location
-New car

President's schedule
-Blue Room reception
  -Press coverage
-President's remarks
  -President's and Mrs. Nixon's attendance
  -Appreciation to donors

Wallace
-Shooting
  -President's statement for press
  -Preparation
    -Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Ziegler left at 5:45 pm.

Connally
-Resignation
  -Announcement
    -Timing
    -Effect of Wallace condition

Wallace
The White House operator talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 5:45 pm and 5:52 pm.

Connally talked with Edward Kennedy at an unknown time between 5:45 pm and 5:52 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8H]

[See Conversation No. 24-91]

[The following portion of the office conversation took place simultaneously with Conversation No. 724-8H]

Secret Service protection
-Edward Kennedy
-White House announcement
Ziegler entered at 5:52 pm.

[End of telephone conversation]

- Acceptance
- Duration
- White House announcement
  - Connally's call to Edward Kennedy

Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:52 pm and 5:54 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8I]

[See Conversation No. 24-92]

[End of telephone conversation]

- Duration
- President's orders
- Edward Kennedy's acceptance
  - Necessity

The White House operator talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 5:52 pm and 5:54 pm.

Connally talked with Rossides at an unknown time between 5:52 pm and 5:58 pm.

[Conversation No. 724-8J]

[See Conversation No. 24-93]

[The following portion of the office conversation took place simultaneously with Conversation No. 724-8J]

- Number of agents assigned
- Statement for the press

Ziegler left at 5:54 pm.

Wallace's condition [?]

Donald McI. Kendall
President's schedule
- Call from Haldeman

[End of telephone conversation]

Wallace
- Shooting
  - Visit from Humphrey
  - Visit from George S. McGovern
  - Possible visit from the President
    - Time
    - Call
    - Disadvantages
  - Services offered by the President
    - Lukash
  - Condition
    - Location of wounds
  - Other victims
    - Secret Service agent
      - Wounds
  - The President's view
  - Assassination attempt
    - Compared with Robert F. Kennedy assassination
      - Causes
    - Compared with Abraham Lincoln assassination
  - Effect on other victims
    - Secret Service agent
      - Condition
  - Visit from Humphrey
    - Time
  - Visit from McGovern
    - Location
  - Condition

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 5:58 pm.

- Lukash's report

Butterfield left at 5:59 pm.

Connally's wounding
- Bleeding
-President's reading of reports
-Nellie Connally
-Location
-Care
-Details
-Surgeon
   -Background
   -Location
   -Operation
-John Kennedy's condition
   -Connally's awareness
   -Nellie Connally
-Condition
-Surgeon
   -Background
   -Wound
      -Severity
      -Consequences

President's schedule
   -Blue Room reception
      -President's attendance
         -Mrs. Nixon's knowledge

Connally's schedule
   -Nellie Connally
      -Arrangements to meet
      -Location

President's schedule
   -Blue Room reception
      -President's attendance
         -Time

Connally left at an unknown time after 5:58 pm.

Connally
   -The President’s view
      -Domestic Council

President's schedule
   -Blue Room
      -President's preparation for reception
Connally entered at an unknown time before 6:06 pm.

Blue Room
- Described
- Mrs. Nixon's role

Dining room
- Light fixture
  - Change
  - Described
  - Tricia Nixon Cox
- Redecoration
- Light fixture
  - Problem

Office
- Panelling

Dining Room
- Light fixture
  - Change
    - Time needed
  - Alternative

The President, Haldeman, and Connally left at 6:06 pm.

Date: May 15, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:48 and 10:15 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Vietnam
- Military action
  - II Corps area
    - Assessment
    - Casualty figures
  - I Corps

Conversation No. 724-9
NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log
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-Press coverage
  -Firebases
    -Bastogne
  -Action
  -An Loc
    -Bombing
    -Ground action
-III Corps
  -Action
    -Location
    -Casualties
-Ground action assessed
-II Corps
  -Action
    -Assessed
    -Enemy ground attacks
-Morale
  -Assessed
-I Corps
-II Corps
-Air Strikes
  -North Vietnamese railroads
    -Hanoi and Haiphong plans
    -Targets
    -Time
    -Targets
      -Transformers
        -Proximity to Hanoi
    -Damage
-Tank attacks
-Plans
-Problems
-Equipment
-Surprise enemy actions
  -I Corps
  -Hue
  -Da Nang
  -Enemy encounters
  -Melvin R. Laird
  -Importance of counter-offensive action
-Air mobile operation
  -Purpose
-Location
-Hue
-B-52s
   -Morale
   -Effect
   -An Loc
-Enemy action
   -Compared with previous week
   -Motives
   -III Corps
      -Weather
   -An Loc
      -Haig’s view
-Results
-I Corps
   -Performance
   -Location
-Surprise actions
   -Abrams
   -Possible South Vietnamese raid own North Vietnam
      -Effect
      -Location
      -Vinh
      -Effects
      -Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
      -Risk
-Adm. John S. McCain
-Airborne operations
   -Effect
   -Press coverage
   -Effect
-II Corps
   -Recapture of bases
      -Press coverage
-Reinforcements
   -US aircraft carrier
   -US squadrons
      -Thailand
-Expectations
-Cambodia
-Bombing
   -Targets
   -Recent results assessed
-Damage
  -Bridges
    -Photographs
    -Effect on North Vietnam
  -Follow-up
  -Effect on North Vietnam

-Memorandum from the President
  -Winston S. Churchill
  -Tanks
    -World War I example
  -Haig's experience
  -Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS] meeting
    -Gen. Douglas MacArthur
    -Inchon Landing
    -Location
      -Tokyo
    -Adm. Forrest Sherman
    -Gen. J. Lawton Collins
    -Gen. Omar N. Bradley
    -Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg
    -Support For Macarthur
    -Macarthur's Decision
  -Bradley And Collins
    -The President's view

-Tactics to use
  -The President’s memorandum
  -Abrams's understanding
    -Service with Gen. George S. Patton
  -Use of air power

  -Age
  -Philosophy
    -President's philosophy

-North Vietnamese attacks
-South Vietnamese forces
  -Counterattacks
  -Effect of victories
  -Tanks
  -Artillery
    -B-52s
    -F-4s
  -Patrols
  -Attrition
-Numbers
-Effect
-Hue
-Materiel
  -Air power
  -Aircraft carrier
    -Arrival time
    -Purpose
      -Soviets
      -USS Saratoga
  -Destroyers
  -Cruiser
  -Carriers
  -Psychological effect
-President's previous speech on the blockade
  -Changes in past week
  -Response
    -West Point
      -Haig's son's report
      -[Dwight] David Eisenhower, II's Report
    Washington-based diplomatic corps
      -Report from Swiss Ambassador's [Felix Schnyder] wife
-Effect on war
-North Vietnamese people
  -Haig's view
  -Will to fight
    -The President’s and Haig’s view
-Military action
  -Tactics to use
  -Bombing
    -Intensity
    -Targets
      -II Corps
        -Kontum
      -I Corps
      -III Corps
        -An Loc
        -Number
      -II Corps
        -Number
        -Schedule
-II Corps
  -Chances of saving
- Kontum
- Attacks
- Losses
- Recapture
  - Firebase Bastogne
  - Importance
  - Casualties
  - Gains
- North Vietnamese counterattacks
  - Location
  - Time

- Weather
  - Location
  - II and III Corps

- IV Corps
  - Lack of activity

- Bombing of North Vietnam
  - Effects
    - South Vietnamese morale
    - Timing

- End of war
  - Effect of military action
  - Political situation
    - Possible terms
  - Effect of military action

Haig left at an unknown time before 10:15 pm.